



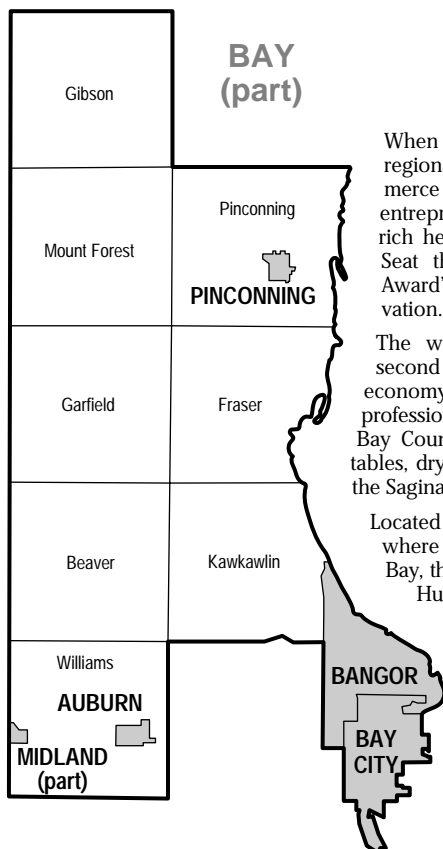
**State Representative**  
**JOSEPH L. RIVET**  
**D-97th Representative District**



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**Committees:** Commerce (Minority Vice Chair); Appropriations Subcommittees: Consumer and Industry Services/History, Arts and Libraries, and Michigan Economic Development Corporation/Department of Career Development/Strategic Fund Agency; Energy and Technology

**Biography:** Democrat, of Bay City; born May 20, 1965, at Bay City; graduate, Bangor John Glenn High School, 1983; A.A., Delta College, 1985; B.A., Michigan State University, 1987; M.B.A., Michigan State University, 1991; married Sherry Tacey, 1989; three children: Courtney, Grant and Laken; Roman Catholic; elected Bangor Township Supervisor, 1994; former executive director, Bay Area Convention & Visitors Bureau; former legislative aide, Michigan House of Representatives; elected to the House of Representatives, 1998.



**97th District Profile**

When lumber ruled and shipbuilding fueled the regional economy, Bay City was a hub of commerce and home to some of the state's wealthiest entrepreneurs. A commitment to preserving this rich heritage has — in 1999 — earned the County Seat the coveted "Great American Main Street Award" from the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

The waterfront community is today the state's second busiest shipping port and home to a diverse economy supporting investment in manufacturing, professional, service, retail and hospitality businesses. Bay County farmers produce abundant fruits, vegetables, dry beans, and sugar beets in the fertile soil of the Saginaw Valley.

Located at the heart of the state's largest watershed, where the Saginaw River empties into Saginaw Bay, the County features more than 30 miles of Lake Huron shoreline. Tobico Marsh at the Bay City State Recreation Area is an integral part of the largest freshwater coastal wetland system in the country — important habitat supporting more than 200 species of song birds, shore birds and waterfowl.